(d) if so, what was the pre-tax net profit, net worth the capital employed, the percentage of pre-tax profit to net worth and the sales turn over of formulations and bulk drugs of each company from 1979 to 1985; and

(e) what is the sales turn over of each Company in respect of Category I and II bulk drugs and formulations and what is the percentage to total sales turn over of formulations and bulk drugs of each company?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government have not conducted any study of the profitability of 47 drugs companies referred to.

(c) To the extent information is available, the overall profitability norms fixed under Drugs(Price Control) Order, 1979 have not been exceeded.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Details of sale turnover categorywise are not available.

Therapeutic group of Betamethasone

2317. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 778 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDPDC has recommended Betamethasone under the Therapeutic group of Dermatological products;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Glaxo has the monopoly of formulations based on this drug;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this company has a major sale of formulations based on this drug for Asthama indication and other indications;

(d) what is the rationale for covering the drug only for Dermatological indication when the same is used for other indications having high sales turn over; and

(e) what was the sales turn over of the formulations based on this drug of Glaxo indication-wise during the last three years, year-wise and in which form each is being marketed?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (d) Yes, Sir. Some of the builk drugs listed in the priority list drawn up by the Medical Experts of the National Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Development Council have multiple uses. Every such bulk drug has been classified under a major therapeutic group. The consensus of the National Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Development Council was that all the formulations based on priority drugs will be under price control irrespective of the therapeutic group under which the bulk drug is placed.

(b) M/s. Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited are the major producers of the formulations based on Betamethasone.

(c) and (e) The names of the formulations based on Betamethasone and their sales turn over during the last three years have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 778 answered on 25-3-1985. Details of sales of formulations by the company indication-wise are not monitored.

Fixation of price of Minaphillin

2318. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when and what price was fixed for Minaphillin Tablets and injections and what price of Theophillin and Etofyllin was taken in account while working the formulation price;